



USDA Rural Development - Texas Section 525 Technical & Supervisory Assistance (TSA) Grants

What Is the Technical & Supervisory Assistance Grant program?

Technical & Supervisory Assistance (TSA) Grants provide funds to eligible applicants to conduct programs of technical and supervisory assistance (TSA) for low-income rural residents to obtain and/or maintain occupancy of adequate housing. This financial assistance may pay part or all of the cost of developing, conducting, administering, or coordinating effective and comprehensive programs of technical and supervisory assistance which will aid needy low-income individuals and families in benefiting from federal, state, and local programs in rural areas.

The policy of USDA Rural Development is to provide Technical and Supervisory Assistance to eligible applicants to do the following:

- (1) Provide homeownership and financial counseling to reduce both the potential for delinquency by loan applicants and the level of payment delinquency by present Rural Development housing loan borrowers; and
- (2) Facilitate the delivery of housing programs to serve the most needy low-income families in rural areas of greatest need for housing.

Who May Receive Section 525 Technical & Supervisory Assistance Grants?

- (1) Public or private nonprofit corporations, agencies, institutions, Indian tribes and other associations.
- (2) A private nonprofit corporation with local representation from the area being served that is owned and controlled by private persons or interests and is organized and operated by private persons or interests for purposes other than making gains or profits for the corporation and is legally precluded from distributing any gains or profits to its members.

To be Eligible, the Organization Must:

- (1) Have necessary background and experience with proven ability to perform responsibly in the field of low-income rural housing development and counseling, or other business management or

administrative experience which indicates an ability to provide responsible technical and supervisory assistance; or

- (2) Be assisted by an organization which has such background experience and ability and which agrees in writing that it will provide, without charge, the assistance the applicant will need to carry out its responsibilities. The organization must:

Have the financial, legal, administrative, and operational capacity to assume and carry out the responsibilities imposed by the grant agreement.

Legally obligate itself to administer TSA funds, provide an adequate accounting of the expenditure of such funds, and comply with the grant agreement and Rural Development regulations;

Demonstrate an understanding of the needs of low-income rural families; have the ability and willingness to work within established guidelines; and if the applicant is engaged in or plans to become engaged in any other activities, it must be able to provide sufficient evidence and documentation that it has adequate resources, including financial resources, to carry on any other programs or activities to which it is committed without jeopardizing the success and effectiveness of its TSA project.

What is the Term and Maximum Amount?

TSA projects will be funded under one Grant Agreement for two years. Annually, the Administrator will publish a notice on the distribution of TSA funds and the maximum grant amount.

You may contact USDA Rural Development at:

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More information on the TSA Grant program is available at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/regs/regs/pdf/1944k.pdf>

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